

CELEBRATING PAY IT FORWARD  
DAY IN KENTUCKY

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Pay It Forward Day in Kentucky, as declared by Governor Matt Bevin to be recognized on April 28, 2016. I commend community, state and national leaders alike for promoting the spirit of goodwill and neighborly kindness through this nationwide effort.

Whereas, the aim of the Pay It Forward concept is to promote community spirit through acts of kindness;

Whereas, Pay It Forward Day is a worldwide effort being supported by people in more than 70 countries on six continents;

Whereas, Pay It Forward Day encourages people to do good deeds for others without asking for anything in return except for the recipients to pay it forward to others in need; and

Whereas, together we can make a difference by creating positive change in our community and world—one good deed at a time.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage the Kentucky delegation, along with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to continue personal efforts to “Pay It Forward” with simple acts of kindness in their own congressional districts across the country.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA  
CUNNINGHAM

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Barbara Cunningham of Shenandoah, Iowa, for her upcoming retirement from the NEA on August 31st, 2016. For 35 years, Barbara served our community, and state as an educator in the Shenandoah Community School District, and an additional six years on the NEA-Retired Board of Directors.

Barbara has dedicated her life to teaching and enriching the lives of young people, and began her journey as a teacher right after completing her education. Barbara found the Shenandoah Community School District was the best fit for her as a physical education (PE) instructor. The supplies and facilities were limited—Barbara describes the original gym as the size of a tractor trailer—yet Barbara made the best of it, as most of our teachers do, and focused on teaching her kids with what they had. Her positive attitude and dedication to her students left a lasting impact that cannot be measured.

For the last six years, Barbara has served on the NEA-Retired Board of Directors. She is a dedicated public servant who, even after retiring from teaching, continued to do more to help our youth and communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Barbara today as she approaches her retirement. Her expertise and hard work will be

sorely missed by her colleagues and all those she has worked with over the years. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Barbara for her nearly 40 years of dedicated service and in wishing her nothing but continued success in her retirement.

REMARKS IN HONOR OF THE  
SERVICE OF COLONEL DAVID  
HAMILTON

**HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Colonel David Hamilton, of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our nation. Colonel Hamilton was born in Kingston, Jamaica and grew up in Holliston, Massachusetts. He began his career in the Army in 1984 after receiving a nomination to attend West Point from my great-uncle, the late Senator Edward Kennedy. Colonel Hamilton was commissioned as a Field Artilleryman upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1988.

Throughout his military career, his many assignments included serving as a Platoon Leader during Operation Desert Shield/Storm and then Company Fire Support Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division. As a Captain, Colonel Hamilton commanded two batteries and deployed his unit to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Guard. After battery command, he served as an Instructor at the School of Artillery in Puckapunyal, Australia.

Upon his return, Colonel Hamilton served in the 2nd of the Army's two Stryker brigades while at Fort Lewis before becoming the Mission Commander, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Detachment-San Francisco from 2004 to 2006. He then departed for Korea where he commanded a Field Artillery Paladin battalion in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division before deploying to Iraq to serve as an Analyst and Deputy Director in the Multi-National Corps-Iraq Commander's Initiatives Group at Camp Victory, Iraq from 2008 to 2009.

After concluding his deployment in Iraq, Colonel Hamilton was the Chief of the Training and Evaluation Division for the Brigade Modernization Command at Ft. Bliss, TX, before commanding the 212th Fires Brigade in the Army's 1st Armored Division from August 2011 to July 2013.

From July 1st, 2014 to April 29th, 2016 Colonel Hamilton served as the Chief of the Army House Liaison Division, fostering a strategic partnership with both the 113th and 114th Congress and working tirelessly to navigate the complex issues the Army faced during the last two legislative cycles.

With every deployment and every assignment, Colonel Hamilton brought unparalleled leadership and unquestioned commitment to the men and women serving beside him.

While he never sought recognition, he has earned numerous military awards for his accomplishments, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the NATO Medal, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, and British Jump Wings.

In light of his achievements, the Army has assigned him to serve next as an Assistant Division Commander in the historic 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, GA.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Colonel David Hamilton's successful and decorated career as he and his family proceed to their next chapter. We are a nation grateful for the military service of the men, women, and families who sacrifice in defense of our freedom. I wish Colonel Hamilton and his family the best.

CODY FLOORING AND TILE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cody Flooring and Tile for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

The Ethics in Business Award was established by the Golden Rotary to honor for profit and non-profit businesses. The recipients of this award must maintain integrity, conviction and possess high ethical standards, demonstrated by treatment of customers, employees, community and the environment.

Cody Flooring and Tile is a staple of the Golden community and has built its brand on a foundation of exceptional service and loyal relationships with customers. Steve Barrow founded the company out of his garage in Golden in 1996. While Steve is still president and the business remains based in Golden, the company has transformed, creating jobs, moving into a beautiful headquarters and expanding business to six states. This year, Cody Flooring and Tile celebrates 20 successful years of business, and I have no doubt they will find success in the next 20 years.

To Steve and all the employees of Cody Flooring and Tile, congratulations on receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award, and thank you for all you do for the Golden community.

COMMENDING DR. ANDREW W.  
GURMAN, FOR BEING ELECTED  
PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Dr. Andrew W. Gurman on his inauguration as President of the American Medical Association on June 14th, 2016.

A native of New York, Dr. Gurman received his medical degree from the State University of New York Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, in 1980. He served his surgical internship in Bronx, New York, completing and following his passion for hand surgery at the Hospital for Joint Disease Orthopedic Institute in New York City.

In addition to his career as an orthopedic hand surgeon in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Dr. Gurman has served as the speaker and vice speaker of the AMA House of Delegates for

eight years, a member of the Pennsylvania delegation for 20 years, a congressional contact for PAMED, and member on the American Society for Surgery of the Hand's Council on Government Relations.

Fortunately for our community, Dr. Gurman's achievements are not limited to his medical involvement, as he has also served as a professional chair for the United Way campaign, and a member of the board of trustees of the Altoona Symphony Orchestra.

It is with great pleasure that I highlight Dr. Gurman's inauguration to the presidency of the American Medical Association and commend him for his capacity to serve the 9th Congressional District in so many ways. I have no doubt he will continue to make an impact on our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 171 on H.R. 4498, I am not recorded because I was absent for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

#### HONORING MR. BOB EPLING

#### HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Bob Epling as he retires from his post as Chairman and CEO of Community Bank, a bank created with the intentions of being owned and operated by the community. Mr. Epling, who held his post since 1977, has always pushed the limits of what it means to be a business owner, and has used his means to serve the community. He has been acknowledged countless times for his service to the South Florida community, including his most recent recognition for excellence in community service by the Dade County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Epling has always been firmly rooted in the South Florida community, evident through his role as President of the Florida Bankers Association and Orange Bowl Committee, as well as Chairman of the 1996 South Florida Olympic Soccer Organizing Committee. He also served as the Chairman of the Board of the International Hurricane Research Center for 20 years. In that role, Mr. Epling worked tirelessly to advance research for mitigating storm damage, which he witnessed firsthand when assisting with rebuilding efforts in Homestead after Hurricane Andrew.

It is an honor for me to recognize Mr. Bob Epling on the occasion of his retirement for all of his service to the community of South Florida for more than three decades.

#### FOOTHILLS ANIMAL SHELTER

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Foothills Animal Shelter for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

The Ethics in Business Award was established by the Golden Rotary to honor for profit and non-profit businesses. The recipients of this award must maintain integrity, conviction and possess high ethical standards, demonstrated by treatment of customers, employees, community and the environment.

Since its creation in 1976, the Foothills Animal Shelter (then known as the Jefferson Animal Center) has dedicated itself to providing the best possible care for every animal that comes through its doors. The organization cares for more than 9,500 animals every year and never turns an orphaned animal away. With the completion of its 33,000 square foot facility in 2010, the organization significantly improved care by adding a new medical suite to offer more on-site, cost-effective care and increasing the number of spays and neuters.

Congratulations to the Foothills Animal Shelter for receiving this well-deserved honor by the Golden Rotary, and thank you to all the employees for their continued commitment to our community and the animals they serve.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. MICHAEL S. WILSON, PRESIDENT, GD-OTS

#### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a gentleman who has dedicated his life to serving our nation—a true American leader and hero who hails from the state of Florida, Mr. Michael S. Wilson. Mike is retiring from General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems (GD-OTS) after forty-seven years of service to our warfighters and the defense industry. He currently serves as president of GD-OTS, a position he has held since 2001.

Mike has distinguished himself throughout his career, most notably by developing and fielding over 15 programs to our armed forces. The latest example of Mike's leadership is the fielding of the Ground Mobility Vehicle 1.1 program to the US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

Mike led the highly successful merger of GD Armament and Technical Products (GDATP) and GD-OTS companies in 2013—resulting in present day GD-OTS. His efforts created significant synergy savings and efficiencies that directly benefitted GD-OTS customers and shareholders resulting in improved service to the customer. Under Mike's astute and hands-on leadership, GD-OTS revenue rose over 500 percent since acquisition in 2001. Mike created a persistent priority and focuses on safety across GD-OTS and accumulated an unparalleled safety record by any industry standards.

One of Mike's proudest career achievements can be framed by the performance of

OTS during the urgent ramp-up required to meet surging demand of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF). Virtually overnight, Mike oversaw the ramp-up of all GD-OTS production lines to provide ammunition when it was needed the most.

During his career at GD, Mike led the effort to grow GD-OTS' organic production capabilities. With deft precision and timing, Mike skillfully invested in facility expansion and organic capabilities to achieve strategic vertical integration. This resulted in a dramatic expansion of core competencies and several new production franchises for GD-OTS.

Mr. Speaker, the Munitions Industrial Base, commercial industry, and each branch of our Armed Forces will miss Mike Wilson's leadership. As a nation, let us recognize his intrepid service and dedication to the mission of supporting our warfighters. And I ask that this body join me in honoring and congratulating Mr. Mike S. Wilson on a most honorable, truly energetic, and innovative career.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE "INVESTING IN AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES ACT OF 2016"

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Investing in America's Small Businesses Act of 2016. This important legislation allows Community Development Financial Institutions, known as CDFIs, to extend affordable credit to more small businesses in underserved communities through microloans. These small loans, under \$50,000, give businesses working capital, help them invest in new equipment or supplies, and have no pre-payment penalties.

I'm proud that the Investing in America's Small Business Act has gained the endorsements of the CDFI Coalition and the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions, the national voices for these community-based institutions.

The bill provides grants for CDFIs to establish loan-loss reserve funds for microloans, which will help CDFIs leverage private investment to expand small business lending in underserved communities.

Small businesses are critical engines of economic development and job creation. In underserved communities, however, small businesses with low-income and minority owners often have limited access to affordable credit they need to meet everyday demands or expand their operations. According to a study commissioned by the U.S. Small Business Administration in 2013, "the major constraint limiting the growth, expansion, and wealth creation of small firms—especially women- and minority-owned businesses—is inadequate capital."

Community Development Financial Institutions serve exactly these communities—with great success and economic benefit. In fact, a 2014 report by the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia found that despite serving predominately low-income markets, CDFI banks and credit unions had virtually the same level of performance as mainstream financial institutions. Despite this demonstrated